

**Acton Commission on Disability
Minutes
October 11, 2007**

Members Present: J. Brako, L. Franklin, B. Maimone, J. Nigro, B. Viola, **Others Present:** J. Kohout and K. Bell.

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

September Minutes were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Oktoberfest: Our table is located on Windsor Avenue, same as last year. Members allocated time to volunteer at table. Brenda will bring copies of the 2007 Dining guide, Personal Emergency Preparedness Plan, COD brochure, table, chairs, Inclusion Quotient game, and poster presentation. Jean offered to bring some candy to give out as prizes for playing game.

CAM (Community Access Monitor) Training: Joy attended CAM training on October 19th and 20th. John and Kirstin were unable to attend. At the training, there was discussion of other towns utilizing volunteers to help people with disabilities in their communities. Joy reported these towns requested CORI checks on the volunteers. Joy has offered to contact another COD for more information.

Library Book Purchase: Lisa will follow up with the librarian concerning the purchase of "The Special Needs Planning Guide: How to Prepare for Every Stage of Your Child's Life."

Transportation: A question was raised whether the COD should address the selectman at one of their upcoming meetings. Lisa will contact Fran Osman and Jim Yarin (TAC) for an updated status.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Awareness Activities: Several ideas were discussed to promote awareness of the COD: Hosting an event at NARA Park; Panel discussion at the library concerning issues such as transportation; Film series at the library; Cable TV station; "Dear Abbey" formatted letters in newspaper; and possible internet blog.

ADA Coordinator: Jean will contact Garry Rhodes to ask who the ADA coordinator is since the town has a temporary Town Manager.

Parking for Election: Jean will send an e-mail to Town Clerk and Police Department to ensure accessible parking for upcoming election on Tuesday, October 16th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Viola,
Secretary